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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks. No additional fee is required for this Amendment as the number of independent claims remains the same, and the total number of claims has been reduced.

Request for Telephone Interview

Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (847) 490-1400 to schedule a telephone interview, to discuss the merits of this Patent Application.

Amendment to the Claims

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include limitations of dependent Claim 2, and to recite that the remote receiver device is positioned on or within a collar for an animal. Claim 2 has been canceled in view of amended Claim 1.

Applicant has amended Claim 11 to remove language previously added, to include limitations of dependent Claim 12, and to recite that the remote receiver device is positioned on or within a collar for an animal. Claim 12 has been canceled in view of amended Claim 11.

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Applicant has amended Claims 7, 10, 14, 16 and 18 to provide proper antecedent bases for limitations in view of amended Claim 1.

Applicant has amended Claim 19 to recite that the remote receiver device is positioned on or within a collar for an animal

Applicant has added new Claim 23, which depends from Claim 11, and includes the limitation removed therefrom.

Support for this Amendment can be found throughout Applicant's Specification, such as at page 9, lines 2-4. No new matter has been added to the claims by this Amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 7-12, 14-16 and 18-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Kendir et al, U.S. Patent Application 2002/0197584. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 11 and 19 as previously discussed and offers the following comments.

Kendir does not teach or suggest a remote receiver device positioned on or within a collar for an animal, as in Applicant's claimed invention. Applicant asserts that the above Amendment and comments overcome the rejection of Claims 1-3, 7-12, 14-16 and 18-20.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of Claims 13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kendir is respectfully traversed. Claims 13 and 17 depend from Claim 11, and are thus patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 11.

The rejection of Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kendir in view of Holford, U.S. Patent 5,044,107, is respectfully traversed. Claim 21 depends from Claim 19, and is thus patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 19. Holford also does not teach or suggest a remote receiver device positioned on or within a collar for an animal.

The rejection of Claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kendir in view of Holford and further in view of Kim et al., U.S. Patent 6,598,563, is respectfully traversed. Claim 22 depends from Claim 19, and is thus patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 19. Kim also does not teach or suggest a remote receiver device positioned on or within a collar for an animal.

Conclusion

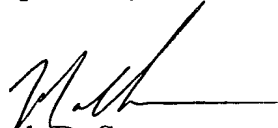
Applicant intends to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicant has

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not resolved in this response, Applicant again requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Applicant sincerely believes that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully requests early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. D. Swanson', written over a horizontal line.

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